

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Whose Job Is it, Anyway?

Matthew 6:24-34

This really is a continuation of 6:19-24

- 19-23 is about being driven to **produce & accumulate**
- 25-34 is about **not** being worried by being **driven to do it...**
- But **trusting God** as you live to **honor Him** (*5:6)
- **Vs. 24** is the transition between the two

Taken together, this is His **longest emphasis** of this teaching.

Why?

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Doubting God and attempting to make up for it ourselves...

- Is our **most consistent** temptation.
- **"Did God really say?"**
- **"You'd better take care of this yourself"**

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How much do we **worry** about **the details of life** we have embraced responsibility for?

- I'm a big believer in **personal responsibility**.
- Before coming to Christ, I was completely committed to **self-reliance & personal responsibility**. (So, failure was my fault)
- God has spent 42 years drawing me to a life of **absolute reliance on Him**.
- He has often used the **failure of my own efforts** to remind me.

So, **what's the balance?**

Remember **Vs. 24**, "You **cannot** serve God **and** money."

- One must be **subservient** to the other
- And we must **choose**

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Trusting God & trusting ourselves **cannot** be **weighed in the balance**

- Will we keep one **at the expense of the other?**
- Campbell McAlpine
- We must **entrust ourselves to God**, and do our best...
- Believing He already wants **what's best for us**

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Our real question is, **"What is He calling me to?"**

Romans 9:20-21, But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

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Are we committed to **seeking & serving Him...**

- **No matter our assignment?**
- **Before** it is revealed?
- Or like Peter & Paul, **after we're underway?**

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Jesus concludes this part of His teaching with:

- 1) A direct reminder of what He started with – **Vs. 5:6**
- 2) Identifying our greatest difficulty...

The future – Worrying about what **hasn't** happened yet

(Worrying about the past doesn't comprehend our redemption)

- Worrying about the future **robs us** of both **Hope & Faith**

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Psalm 37:4-5, Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to Him, And He will direct your paths.

Philippians 4:6-7, Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

I Peter 5:6-7, So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.

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Worrisome things and the temptation to worry come our way all the time

I Corinthians 10:13, The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Hebrews 2:18, Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:15-16, For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.